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IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A rest for use in a vehicle, the rest comprising a housing and means for adjusting the position of the housing relative to the vehicle, wherein the housing has a pivotally mounted lid which provides an upper sloping face and may be pivoted between a closed position in which the upper sloping face provides a footrest for a user and an open position allowing access to a storage space in the housing and providing a support for the calves of the user having a sloping upper face and means for adjusting the position of the housing relative to the vehicle.
2. (Currently Amended) A rest for use in a vehicle as claimed in claim 1, wherein the position of the housing may be adjusted towards and away from a seat in the vehicle in which the housing defines a storage space and has a pivotal lid which provides the sloping upper face and may be pivoted between an open position allowing access to the storage space and support for the calves of a user and a closed position in which the storage space is closed off.
3. (Original) A rest for use in a vehicle as claimed in claim 1, in which the lid is powered.
4. (Previously Amended) A rest for use in a vehicle as claimed in claim 1, in which the means for adjusting the position of the housing relative to the vehicle comprises a motorized rack and pinion arrangement.
5. (Previously Amended) A rest for use in a vehicle as claimed in claim 4, in which the motorized rack and pinion arrangement is operative to move the housing on a pair of rails adapted to be fixed to the floor of the vehicle.

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6. (Previously Amended) A rest for use in a vehicle as claimed in claim 4, in which the motorized rack and pinion arrangement comprises an electric motor.
7. (Previously Amended) A rest for use in a vehicle as claimed in claim 1, in which a layer of wear resistant material is provided on the sloping upper face.
8. (Original) A rest for use in a vehicle as claimed in claim 7, in which the layer of wear resistant material is carpet.
9. (Previously Amended) A rest for use in a vehicle as claimed in claim 1, in which the lid is motorized .
10. (Previously Amended) A vehicle comprising a rest as claimed in claim 1.
11. (Previously Amended) A vehicle as claimed in claim 10, in which the rest is disposed on a pair of rails which are disposed in a passenger footwell of the vehicle.
- 12-19 (Canceled)
20. (New) A rest for use in a vehicle as claimed in claim 1 wherein the lid has an angled cross-section.
21. (New) A rest for use in a vehicle adjacent a seat of the vehicle, the rest comprising:
a housing;
said housing including a base that at least in part defines an internal storage space for the support of items in the storage space and on the base;

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means for supporting the base of the housing so that the position of the housing is adjustable between a position closer to the seat and a position farther from the seat;

a lid mounted over the housing;

a pivot for the lid to provide two different pivot positions of the lid including a closed position and an open position thereof;

said lid having first and second contiguous, but differently sloping face surfaces including a foot rest surface and a calf rest surface;

said pivotally mounted lid in the closed position thereof enabling the foot of the user to rest on the foot rest surface, and in the open position thereof allowing access to the storage space while at the same time enabling the calf of the user to rest on the different slope calf rest surface.

22. (New) A rest for use in a vehicle as claimed in claim 21 wherein the first and second surfaces of the lid are substantially each planar and defined by an angled inverse V-shaped cross-section in which the angle between the surfaces is an obtuse angle.

23. (New) A rest for use in a vehicle as claimed in claim 21 in which the means for supporting the position of the housing relative to the vehicle comprises a motorized rack and pinion arrangement.

24. (New) A rest for use in a vehicle as claimed in claim 23 in which the motorized rack and pinion arrangement is operative to move the housing on a pair of rails adapted to be fixed to the floor of the vehicle.

25. (New) A rest for use in a vehicle as claimed in claim 21 in which a layer of wear resistant material is provided on the first and second surfaces.

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26. (New) A rest for use in a vehicle as claimed in claim 22 in which the lid is motorized and has opposed fixed positions including the said open and closed positions.

27. (New) A rest for use in a vehicle as claimed in claim 21 wherein the means for supporting the base of the housing includes rail means that enable the base to move close to or farther from the seat.